

## OPENING OF NIAGARA FALLS CONFERENCE IS DELAYED BY PEACE ENVOYS UNTIL MAY 20

Postponement Taken to Permit Mexican Delegates to Reach the Scene of the Deliberations Without Undue Haste.

### CABINET MEN ARE OPTIMISTIC

Believe Solution of the Problem Will Be Found and Mediators Themselves Are Hopeful of Ability to Compose Differences.

San Diego, Cal., May 15.—A wireless from the battleship California says the insurgents and federalists, battling for a fortnight for possession of Mazatlan, rested yesterday.

Washington, May 15.—The opening of the negotiations of the South American mediators in the Mexican controversy at Niagara Falls, Ontario, has been postponed until May 20, the state department announced today. It was originally scheduled for May 18. The delay was arranged at the request of the Brazilian ambassador, in order that the Mexican delegates, speeding northward from Key West, might not be unduly hurried in the trip to Niagara Falls.

The South American mediators today paid a formal farewell to President Wilson before their departure for Niagara Falls, Ont. All ceremonies of formal diplomatic intercourse marked the call of envoys. In the blue room, the president, with his military and naval aides, attired in full dress uniform, greeted the envoys. Wilson wished them success in their mission. They expressed the hope that when they return to Washington they will have found a solution of the Mexican problem that has confronted the United States for three years.

In view of the postponement of the peace conference, the envoys decided to delay their departure for Niagara Falls. The Brazilian ambassador had planned to leave today, and the Chilean minister tomorrow. The Argentine minister announced he could not say definitely when he would leave. It is thought possible that the Mexican representatives will meet the mediating envoys in Washington and that a preliminary conference will be held before the entire peace party proceeded to Niagara Falls.

The mediating envoys will return to the white house this afternoon for a conference with the president. The American delegates will be present. The purpose is not disclosed, but it is believed possible that some further reason for the postponement of the formal opening of the Niagara Falls conference might have prompted the meeting.

Upon the three mediators devolves the real burden of the conference. They are to make all suggestions and initiate all moves. The American representatives will be the only medium of communication between the United States and the mediators, under an autograph letter from the president instructing them to do so. Frederick Lehmann and Justice Lamar, the American representatives, were at the state department today familiarizing themselves with the work ahead.

Confidence that mediation will be ultimately successful in bringing peace in Mexico, despite the temporary delay, was expressed by cabinet officers after today's meeting. The cabinet meeting brought out no vital developments, the discussion about policy being brief and general.

The activity which began yesterday at the government arsenal and coast artillery posts, follows the precautionary arrangements of the war department in the Mexican situation, Secretary Garrison said.

The Lobos Island incident has been satisfactorily settled. Mexicans will return to take care of the lights.

**Federals May Establish Blockade.**  
Washington, D. C., May 15.—A relayed wireless dispatch from Rear Admiral Mayo at Tampico late last night announced that the Mexican federal gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza had left the Panuco river and steamed a distance southward. They were followed by the American cruiser Tacoma and two destroyers.

It is believed here that the gunboats may go to Tuxpan, about 100 miles down the coast, where they probably will discharge the soldiers of the Tampico garrison taken aboard just before the town was evacuated. With such ammunition and supplies as are to be had at Tuxpan, officials here think the little vessels may return to the mouth of Panuco river and attempt to maintain a blockade to prevent the

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## NORWAY AWAITS OPENING OF ITS PEACE FESTIVAL

Entire Country Is En Fete for Beginning of Centennial Celebration Tomorrow

### ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM

Thousands of Americans Return to Native Country to Take Part in the Festivities

Christiania, May 15.—All Norway is en fete today for the opening of the great national celebration in honor of the centennial of the independence of Norway from Denmark and in commemoration of a century of peace on the Scandinavian peninsula. From the capital down to the smallest hamlet and village business is at a standstill and the populace is giving itself up to the joyousness of the occasion.

The festivities were formally opened today with the inauguration of the centennial exposition in this city. The inauguration was participated in by King Haakon, Queen Maud, Crown Prince Olaf, many dignitaries of the state and church and members of the foreign diplomatic corps.

**Industrial Exhibit a Feature.**  
The scope of the exhibition is national in the widest sense. There are sections for the display of Norwegian industries history and education, fine arts, manufactures, agriculture, mining and metallurgy, hygiene, women's section, and cottage industries. The buildings of the exposition are large and ornate, and strictly consonant with the natural beauty of the location, which is on the grounds of the old Grosner manor, one of the most beautiful and historical sites in the kingdom.

Occupying an entirely separate site from the ground of the main exposition is the maritime division, which is devoted to displays of the Norwegian fisheries and shipping industry. The maritime division is at Skarpsno, directly opposite Oskarshol, the royal villa on Bygdø.

**Huge Crowds on the Grounds.**  
Today the population of Christiania, which is about 250,000, has been nearly doubled by the visitors. Enormous crowds filled the exposition grounds for the inauguration ceremonies.

The capital has for a week past been gayly decorated with the flags of all nations, most of all of the houses on the principal streets and squares, particularly in the business section and in that quarter of the city around the royal palace, being conspicuous for their elaborate decorations.

Sunday next will be the anniversary of the national independence and on that day a great procession will take

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## YOUTH MURDERS THREE ON FARM AT IRONTON, O.

Kills Aged Woman, Her Son and Daughter; Arrested in Chicago

Ironton, Ohio, May 15.—Mrs. Dennis Massie, aged 75, son, Robert, and daughter, Mary, both past 45, were murdered last night in their country home, 25 miles from Ironton. They were prominently connected in this city. Mary was found in the kitchen with her hands tied behind her back and her throat cut; Robert, in the back yard with his head battered in; and the mother in the front yard with her throat cut, and skull crushed. The police claim that the positions of the bodies indicated an attack on the daughter. A search is being made for Harley Beard, aged 21, who was employed on the place.

**Youth Arrested; Confesses.**  
Chicago, May 15.—Harley Beard, aged 18, arrested here this afternoon, confessed to the murder of three persons on a farm near Ironton Wednesday afternoon.

Beard, with perfect calmness, in the presence of several detectives, said he first beat his victims on the head with a stick of wood, and then cut their throats with a razor.

"I worked for the Massies all winter," the youth said. "They treated me pretty rough, particularly Bob. Last Monday morning about 4, Mary and I got up and hitched up the rig for Bob. He was going to Ironton to buy furniture. Mary followed me to my room. I ordered her out and we quarreled. Her mother came and scolded me. Bob returned at 11 at night and Mary's story was told to him. He didn't say much to me Tuesday, but Wednesday afternoon he tried to hit me with a hatchet."

The confession recites that Bob then started for the house, Beard following. The fight was renewed. As Beard reached the doorway he picked up a stake and felled Bob. Mary came running up and she also was felled. He then felled the mother and cut the throat of each with a razor.

A message from the sheriff says that after he killed his victims, Beard ransacked the house and stole twenty dollars and two gold watches.

### CONFIRMATION ON SUNDAY.

Bishop G. Mott Williams of the Marquette diocese of the Episcopal church will be in Calumet Sunday evening to take charge of a confirmation service at Christ church, Episcopalian. He will be in Houghton Sunday morning. The confirmation class at Christ church is the largest in the history of the church including from twenty-five to thirty members.

### CALUMET FAVORITE CLUB.

The Calumet Favorite club will entertain at a dancing party in the Calumet Light Guard armory this evening. This club's popular social events are well known in Calumet and vicinity and it is expected tonight's party will be fully as successful as those which have been given in the past. The C. & E. orchestra will render music.

## EXPLOSION IN DETROIT FATAL TO AT LEAST 11

Plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber Co. Is Blown to Pieces This Forenoon

### FOUR INJURED CANNOT LIVE

Gasoline Believed to Have Been Responsible; Victims Were Skilled Mechanics

Detroit, Mich., May 15.—At least eleven men were killed, two bodies are said to be still in the ruins, another man is dying and three more are thought to be fatally injured as the result of an explosion this forenoon, which blew the plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber Co. to pieces. There were 25 employees working at the plant. Eight survivors have been accounted for.

Gasoline is believed to have been responsible. Most of the victims were skilled mechanics. One body was blown through the building. Three others were burned beyond recognition.

The four injured men removed to a hospital are not expected to survive. Dozens of windows in nearby buildings were shattered.

The survivors said a vat containing a large quantity of molten rubber exploded.

The plant, a one-story concrete building in west Detroit, was almost obliterated. Flying chunks riddled adjoining buildings and concrete blocks were found more than two blocks from the scene.

The factory of the Commerce Motor Co., one hundred feet from the rubber concern, was badly damaged. Nobody in the building was seriously hurt.

Scores of pedestrians had narrow escapes. One man said he heard a roar and the concrete factory seemed to split in three huge pieces, two of which "melted away." The third shot high in the air and broke in fragments which went whizzing in every direction.

For several hours after the explosion all the employees had not been accounted for and this led to reports that possibly fourteen were killed.

### BUSINESSMEN TO MEET.

The businessmen of Calumet and Laurium will hold another meeting in the Red Jacket council chambers this evening at which time reports will be received from committees named at a meeting held last Friday to investigate certain matters which have been taken under consideration. A full attendance of the businessmen is desired.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL FELLOWS SAYS PROPOSED TONNAGE TAX WOULD BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

TWO MORE BRITISH NAVY AVIATORS MEET DEATH; FOG IS CAUSE

North Allerton, England, May 15.—Two more British navy aviators were killed today, near here, during a combined flight by a squad of military aeroplanes from Scotland to Salisbury Plain.

The victims were Lieut. Empson and Sergeant Dudman, acting as a mechanic. While trying to land in a dense fog the machine struck the ground sharply and was overturned. The occupants were killed by the motor falling on them.

## FAILS TO SHAKE VALLON'S STORY IN BECKER CASE

Webber Also Sticks to Testimony He Gave at First Trial

New York, May 15.—Harry Vallon, a fellow conspirator with "Bald Jack" Rose and others in the plot which resulted in the murder of Rosenthal for which Charles Becker is being tried for the second time, admitted on cross-examination today that he had lied on many occasions in respect to the murder, but swore that his story leading up to the crime was correct in essential details. In no important points was the story of the witness shaken by the counsel for the defense.

Becker's counsel yesterday secured from "Bridgie" Webber, described as the financial backer of the plot that resulted in the killing of Rosenthal, admissions that he had lied to Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty, had said things during his direct examination earlier in the day that he omitted the first time Becker was on trial for his life, and had made affidavits that he swore today were false.

Twice he admitted that he was remorseful for the part he had taken in the crime. Mention of the death of the four gun men affected the witness almost to the point of tears. In his essential points the story he told of the murder conspiracy and its results remained unchanged by cross-examination.

## SUFFRAGETTES SCREAM AND SHRIEK AND JEER JUDGE

London, May 15.—"General" Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Dacre-Fox, suffragettes, were today sentenced a month each for disturbing the peace by camping on the door steps of the residences of Sir Edward Carson and Lord Lansdowne. The prisoners interrupted the evidence and jeered at the magistrate while he was pronouncing sentence. When ordered to their cells, the women became violent and eight policemen dragged them, screaming and shrieking, from the prisoners' enclosure.

### Burn Costly Cricket Grandstands.

London, May 15.—Arson squads of suffragettes destroyed the costly grandstands at county cricket grounds in Birmingham and London early today.

### WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

John Graham, Jr., Takes Grand Challenge Cup in England.  
Sandwich, Eng., May 15.—John Graham, Jr., the Scottish member of the Royal Liverpool Golf club, won the St. George's champion grand challenge cup with an aggregate score for 35 holes in 146. Among the American competitors Frazer Hale, of Chicago, made the course in 146.

Graham, in taking the cup, which is valued at \$2,500, repeated his performance of 1904, when he carried off the trophy.

### American Woman Player Defeated.

Hunstont, Eng., May 15.—Miss Cecil Leitch won the British Women's golf championship, defeating Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, champion of the United States, two up one to play. Miss Leitch is the best of a quintette of sisters who have figured in championship matches in the past few years.

### ORIENTAL LIMITED HELD UP.

Rexford, Mont., May 15.—The Oriental Limited on the Great Northern was held up by two masked men near here early today. The combination baggage and mail car was detached and ran four miles away, then rifled.

In Opinion Addressed to Executive Committee of the State Grange He Says Such Law Would Impose Double Taxation

### WOULD VIOLATE UNIFORM RULE

Michigan's Chief Legal Adviser

Throws Bomb Into Camp of Farmers Who Would Put Burden on Upper Peninsula Mines.

Lansing, Mich., May 15.—Attorney-General Fellows has come out flat-footed against the proposed tonnage tax as a legal proposition.

In a lengthy opinion addressed to the executive committee of the state grange, Mr. Fellows announces that in his opinion the tonnage tax involves double taxation and consequently is unconstitutional.

The question submitted to Mr. Fellows was: "Whether when an ad valorem tax has been levied upon certain personal property, a specific tax can be imposed thereon at the same time, be imposed upon the same property under our present constitution."

In his opinion Mr. Fellows cites the provisions of the constitution in regard to a uniformity of taxation, and then quotes a decision of the supreme court of the state, where it was held that a tax on a mortgage, after the regular tax on the property covered by the mortgage, was not double tax.

In this case the court held that the holder of the mortgage himself assumed the second tax and also the first one, which was the only one imposed by the state.

### Violates Uniformity.

From this opinion Mr. Fellows concludes: "It would seem to be a fair inference from the opinion in this case that a law of the state imposing such a double burden would violate the principle of uniformity, and hence would be obnoxious to the constitutional provisions involved here."

The attorney-general then shows that the real question has never been absolutely passed on by the Michigan courts, but he shows decisions of the Kentucky, New Hampshire, Virginia and Illinois courts, which uphold his contention.

On the Illinois case, which was the double taxation of "wheel vehicles," Mr. Fellows lays considerable stress. The law was so worded as to make the second tax appear as "an annual license fee." The court, however, decided it was a specific tax on top of an ad valorem tax and knocked it out.

In closing the attorney-general says: "To recapitulate briefly, it seems apparent that the imposition of a specific tax upon a particular class of personal property in addition to the ad valorem tax levied under the general law, constitutes 'duplicate taxation' in the objectionable sense."

"Such extra burdens are opposed to fundamental principles underlying all taxation, and violate the provision of the constitution of the state requiring a uniform rule of taxation."

"I am constrained to the opinion that your inquiry as stated must be answered in the negative and the legislature of the state has not the authority to take the action suggested thereby."

About the capital, when the news of Mr. Fellows' opinion became circulated, it was the general comment that the state grange committee had evidently been bent on placing the attorney-general on record.

### WILLIAMS FOR SENATOR.

Friends of George Williams, Commercial agent for the Copper Range road in Calumet have mentioned his name as a postoffice candidate for the office of state senator. Although Mr. Williams has not so far announced his candidacy, it is felt that he is in a respective mood. No other name has so far been advanced for this office.

### WEDDED IN HANCOCK.

Friends of Miss Pearl Pollard of Wolverine and Joseph Madigan of Calumet learned with considerable surprise of their marriage this week. The ceremony was solemnized quietly by Rev. Reuben Crosby, pastor of the Hancock M. E. church at the church parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Madigan will make their home at Wolverine.

### ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY.

Members of Court Robin Hood, No. 6283, A. O. F., have accepted an invitation to attend divine services at the Tamarack M. E. church Sunday morning. Members will meet at their hall at 9:30 o'clock and march to the church in a body.

## HIS HATED RIVAL

